

What is a NatureScape?

A NatureScape is a yard and/or landscape that provides a healthy habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife while conserving precious resources—like water.

By creating a NatureScape on your property, you will make your yard more environmentally-friendly or “sustainable.” You may even save time and money on maintaining your outdoor area!

In addition, you will help Chula Vista become the largest city in California to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat Area through the National Wildlife Federation.

Remember that it's...
Your Community. Your Environment.
Your Choice.

Para más información en español, llame al (619) 409-3893.



For helpful links and other
information, visit our website at:
www.chulavistaca.gov/clean

Need help?

Call a **Conservation Associate** for more information at (619) 409-3893 or email Conservation@chulavistaca.gov

Local water districts offer recommended plant lists, rebates, and water-saving tips. Sweetwater Authority: (619) 409-6779 Otay Water District: (619) 670-2222

Landscape architects and contractors specialize in outdoor environments, planting, irrigation, and hardscape. They can help with your whole project or trouble spots.

Irrigation supply stores are a good resource for information on water efficient products.

Local nurseries offer useful information about plants and irrigation equipment.

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Promoting
Nature-friendly
Yards &
Landscaping

*The NatureScape Program
provides the following free
services:*

- *Technical Assistance*
- *Hands-On Workshops*
- *Garden & Yard Certification*
(through the National Wildlife Federation)

What areas can become NatureScapes?

Any outdoor space can be a NatureScape, no matter its size or location!

Get your yard certified as a Wildlife Habitat

It's easy! Required elements include:

- Food for animals and insects
- A water source
- Cover/protection for animals
- A place to raise young

Contact us today to schedule a time to certify your yard. Once certified you will receive a yard sign, certificate, a year-long National Wildlife Federation membership, and a subscription to National Wildlife Magazine.

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Attend a NatureScape Workshop

Throughout the year, free presentations and hands-on trainings are offered on varying topics such as:

- Water conservation
 - Nature-friendly gardening & landscaping
 - Rainwater harvesting
 - Graywater use
 - Native plants



Select Native Plants

To get you started:

Native plants are easy to grow, they're fire resistant, and they support wildlife! Examples include:

1 California Coffeeberry

This evergreen shrub is drought-tolerant and attracts butterflies.

2 California Wild Lilac

This shrub has fragrant, beautiful flowers that attract insects and hummingbirds.

3 Toyon

Flowers and red berries provide a feast for insects and birds all year!

Community Gardens

Green your neighborhood: start or join a community garden!

Chula Vista supports community gardens through the City's Community Gardens Policy. To get involved or find a garden near you, contact the Chula Vista Conservation Section at (619) 409 3893 or visit the San Diego Community Garden Network's website at sdcgcn.org.

School Gardens: Gardens are sprouting at Chula Vista schools to teach children about nutrition and where food comes from. For more information on school gardens, contact Brian Kennedy at the Chula Vista Elementary School District by emailing briankennedy@cvesd.org.

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Water-Conserving Landscaping



Mulch

A thick layer of mulch in your garden will help hold in the moisture, allowing you to water less!



Irrigation

Use rotating spray nozzles on lawn areas and drip irrigation in garden areas. Both methods apply water more efficiently. Go to www.socalwatersmart.com to learn about rebates for water saving irrigation devices.



Rain Barrels

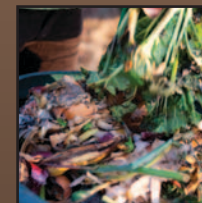
Rain barrels collect water from rooftops using the downspouts. Once captured, this water can be used for irrigating trees, shrubs, and vegetable gardens.



Think "Ocean Friendly"

Residential run-off can be a major cause of ocean pollution. Reduce sediment and run-off sent to the ocean by conserving water, and increasing permeability of soils and surfaces to retain rainwater.

Composting



Compost is miraculous. It starts by taking a huge chunk of garbage out of landfills, then goes on to make our gardens grow, reduces our carbon footprint, and improves air quality.

Learn how to conserve resources, reduce pollution, and nurture a healthy garden by attending free **Composting Workshops** at the Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista. Call (619) 409-5900 for more information or to reserve your space!